



Marine Wing Support Squadron – 172 Commanding Officer's Statement On Safety and Force Preservation



Our profession has inherent dangers that, in the course of defending the United States, are deemed acceptable risks for Commanders. However, this should not allow us to become lax in regards to Safety and eliminating unnecessary actions that are a risk to the members of our Squadron. Our most precious asset is each and every Marine and Sailor and we must be prepared to take action and stop unsafe acts when necessary.

Everything we do within our Squadron will be done safely with proper risk mitigation measures in place. Operations conducted safely are the mark of true professionals and we will not sacrifice safety to meet non-life/limb timelines, make something easier, or worse because leadership wasn't engaged. Our endstate goal is zero mishaps within Marine Wing Support Squadron – 172.

I expect Leadership at all levels to always consider the safety of our Marines and Sailors and practice Operational Risk Management (ORM) to IDENTIFY, UNDERSTAND, and MITIGATE associated risks. ***Producing a well-developed and thoughtful ORM plan will be a part of our Operational planning process and not something we will haphazardly throw together at the end.***

While being safe in the workplace is paramount, everyday actions such as vehicle accidents or mishaps while on liberty or leave are what injures and kills Marines and Sailors far too often. Applying the same attention to safety in our personal lives as we do while on duty is a good practice for us all.

In Marine Wing Support Squadron – 172, we will create an environment that fosters safety and the willingness to intervene if an individual is involved in dangerous activities. We will utilize all required safety equipment and ensure we comply with all applicable Federal, DoD, Navy, USMC, III MEF, 1st MAW, and MAG-36 policies and directives.

Safety is an attitude and state of mind and we need every Marine and Sailor in the fight and as we execute Squadron Operations and go about our daily lives. Maintaining an attitude that mitigates unsafe actions and reduces risk where we can makes us a more capable Squadron.


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